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WATER IMPROVEMENTS FOR WESTERN THANKS TO NEARLY \$1 MILLION FROM USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Western, Neb. July 14, 2005—The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development awarded a Water and Waste Disposal Direct Loan of \$450,000 and an Emergency Community Water Assistance Grant of \$500,000 to the Village of Western, Neb. Nearly 300 rural residents of Western will benefit from the water project.

“This could not have happened at a better time, as the Village just went on full water restrictions which does not allow outside watering,” stated Frank Myers, chairperson for Village of Western. “The USDA Rural Development funds will develop a new well field and elevated water storage as well as make needed distribution improvements that will provide Western residents with safe and dependable drinking water.”

USDA loan term is 40 years at 4.25 percent rate of interest.

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